THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Improving the Thermal power Plants

1414. SHRT SHAMIM HASHMI; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any studies have been undertaken for getting the most from the old thermal power plants in the country as reported in the Hindu dated 23rd-February. 1989; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof -and what corrective steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE ■ MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP-NATH RAI): (a) and (b) When studies were carried out in regard to the performance of the old thermal power stations in the country, it was observed that the average Plant Load Factor (PLF) which was 55.4 per cent during 1976-77 had subsequently deteriorated. The causes for the same we[r]e analysed and a Centrally Sponsored Renovating and Modernisation programme for rectification of the defects of old thermal power stations was taken up in 1984 The sanctioned cost of this scheme is Rs. 1083 cores, comprising Rs. 455 crores under Central Loan Assistant and Rs. 628 crores under State Plan Own Resources.

The Renovation and Modernisation programme generally covers thernjal units of rating of '140 Mw and below; some, •units of 2001710 MW hav.; also been in-chvted. A total of 34 power stations—mprising of 164 thermal units and aggregating to a canacity of 13585 MW—have been included in the nroeramme. It i_s exiected that a_n additional generation of about 7000 million units per year would accrue after the completion of the programme.

1415. *[Transferred to the 9th* ***May,*** 19S9]

Surrey on the performance of top engineering units

1416. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have made a survey on the performance of 100 top engineering units in the country;

(b) if so, what are the findings of **the** survey;

(c) what are the name$_s$ of each engineering company or unit on which the survey was conducted; and

(d) the performance of those engineering units during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No Sir, the Government has not made any survey on the performance of 100 top engineering units in the country.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Shifting off registrants for LPG **connections** registered with M|s. Visual Gas Service, Delhi

1417. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the applicants who got themselves registered for LPG connections with M|s. Vishal Gas Service, in the Union Territory of Delhi have recen'ly been asked to• get their connecfons from some other dealer;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the -case of those wh$_0$ registered themselves with Ms. Nandi Gas Distributor and M|s. Amar Ga$_s$ Service in 1984-85 have not been asked to do so;